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explanation of present miserable conditions. There is no remedy for the underlying evils in organization so long as that absurd surplus of 30,000 miners hangs about the shafts—unless the community submits to be held up by an advance in the price of coal, and so forced to support in idleness this industrial group of unoccupied labor. The organization of labor is today generally accepted as a condition of collective bargaining with employers, but wages and terms of employment depend upon conditions, and organization can do little more than adjust wages to those conditions. In this case the surplus labor is the condition which hampers labor in all its bargaining, the determining condition of every compact. No sort of diplomacy can avoid it, nor organization ignore it.

The remedy for social unrest throughout the community lies in a more intelligent recognition of economic laws, with the purpose of working through them, not in defiance of them.

JOHN CUMMINGS.

Report of Proceedings of the Fifth Congress of the International Co-operative Alliance, Held at Manchester, July, 1902. London: P. S. King & Son, 1902. 8vo., pp. xii+445.

THE meeting reported in this volume was the largest in attendance and the most promising of the series, and 261 organizations were represented by 546 delegates. The book enables one to study the aims and organization of the alliance, the documents and resolutions being printed.

The reports on co-operation of various types present the most recent statistics, but those from the United States are fragmentary.

The accounts of profit-sharing schemes do not look hopeful, and the paper of D. F. Schloss would leave one to believe there is little vitality in the movement.

A very instructive discussion is that of the "housing problem" and and its relation to co-operation. The illustrations of methods come from a wide and varied field of experience.

The resolutions passed included one upon the topic of international peace. In connection with the congress there was a display of goods manufactured and sold by co-operative associations.

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